



TO: Chairmen, District Managing Committee and Board of Directors

FROM: Debra Velder, Associate Director

SUBJECT: 2012 Legislative Commission Meeting

DATE: February 1, 2012

The Legislative commission will meet at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday, February 15, 2012, NSAA Office, 500 Charleston Street, Lincoln, NE.

The purpose of this meeting is to screen the proposals submitted by the six NSAA districts and set the agenda for the Representative Assembly. Proposals receiving five or more of the twelve votes of the members of the Legislative Commission OR a proposal that has been passed by three or more districts during the second district meeting will be placed on the Representative Assembly agenda.

If the chairman of the District Managing Committee is unable to attend, the vice-chairman of the District Managing Committee should be the district's representative.

If a Board of Control member cannot attend, his alternate should be his replacement.

Please notify your replacement if unable to attend.

Expenses will be reimbursed to those attending as follows: lodging, if necessary, single room rate; mileage; meals, \$8.00 breakfast, \$11.00 lunch, and \$16.00 dinner.

Have a safe trip and we will see you the 15th of February. If I can be of any help with lodging accommodations, please let me know.

I. Change in Constitution

A. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 1 Section: 5 Page: 2

1.5.4 Classification Caucus Committee

1.5.4.1 Each classification of member schools established pursuant to this Constitution shall form a caucus made up of member schools in such classifications which shall be referred to as a Classification Caucus.

1.5.4.2 Meetings. Each caucus shall hold a meeting each year.

1.5.4.2.1 A Classification Caucus may initiate proposals for adoption, amendment or repeal of Association bylaws, provided that any such proposal shall not affect student eligibility or materially affect Association finances. Each such proposal shall include a cost and revenue analysis, and the proposed effective date of the proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of an Association By-Law.

1.5.4.2.2 All proposals for the adoption of, amendment to or repeal of Association by-laws must be submitted by a Classification Caucus electronically to the NSAA no later than October 1.

1.5.4.2.3 After the October 1 deadline, the NSAA shall forward the proposals to the Classification Caucus Review Committee.

1.5.4.3 Classification Caucus Review Committee

1.5.4.3.1 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall be comprised of two representatives from each of the four (4) NSAA classifications representing Classes A, B, C and D qualified to serve under paragraph 1.5.1.4, and the Chairman of the NSAA Board of Directors. The NSAA Executive Director or designee shall serve in an Ex-officio capacity.

1.5.4.3.2 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall hold a minimum of two meetings each year. Minutes shall be taken of such meetings, and posted on the NSAA website. The first meeting shall be held between October 10 and October 31 and the second meeting shall be held between February 1 and February 20.

1.5.4.3.2.1 At the first meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee, the committee shall (a) review each submitted proposal; (b) take action to adopt comments and recommendations with regard to each submitted proposal; (c) and, return the proposal to the submitting Classification Caucus along with any adopted comments and recommendations. The Classification Caucus may consider the committee’s comments and recommendations, and may submit amendments to the proposal on or before November 15.

1.5.4.3.2.2 At the second meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee, the committee shall consider all submitted proposals and any subsequent amendments thereto, and take action on all submitted proposals with amendments, if any.

1.5.4.3.3 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall approve or disapprove proposed Classification Caucus proposals for the adoption of, amendment to, or repeal of Association By-Laws. To be approved, all proposals must receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the committee members present and voting on the proposal. Disapproved Classification Caucus proposals shall be referred back to the Classification Caucus submitting same with a statement from the committee of reasons for such disapproval. Approved Classification Caucus proposals shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors for action according to this article.

1.5.4.4 Each proposal approved by the Classification Caucus Review Committee will be posted on the NSAA website as an approved Classification Caucus proposal, and each such proposal shall be presented as an information item at the annual NSAA Representative Assembly meeting.

1.5.4.5 Following the annual representative Assembly meeting, the Board of Directors shall direct the Executive Director to conduct a referendum on the Classification Caucus proposal which shall be submitted to the members Classification Caucus participating in the activity subject to the proposed By-law Change. The Classification Caucus proposal shall be accompanied by a statement of the rationale for such proposal. Each Classification Caucus proposal must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the member schools voting in such referendum. The Classification Caucus proposal shall become a part of the Association By-Laws on the effective date set forth in the approved proposal.

Second District Meeting Vote

Legislative Commission Vote

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	44	3	1		I			
II	78	4			II			
III	52	1			III			
IV	39	10	2		IV			
V	24	0			V			
VI	20	4			VI			

II. Change in Athletic Bylaws

A. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 2 Section: 2.13.2.1 Page: 12

A school's total enrollment for Fall and Winter sports shall be the total boy and girl enrollment in grades nine, ten, and eleven according to the enrollment figures submitted to the State Department of Education on the last Friday in September of the preceding school year.

A school's total enrollment for Spring sports shall be the total boy and girl enrollment in grades nine, ten, eleven, and twelve according to the enrollment figures submitted to the State Department of Education on the last Friday in September of the current school year.

The NSAA will not reclassify Spring Activities/Athletics after Spring classifications have been released.

Second District Meeting Vote

Legislative Commission Vote

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	40	7	1		I			
II	5	75	2		II			
III	22	29	2		III			
IV	34	16	1		IV			
V	19	5			V			
VI	5	19			VI			

B. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 3.2.3 a. Page: 2,3

3.2.3 a. Football and Soccer. An organized practice in 11-man football shall mean more than seven students under direct supervision of a sponsor. An organized practice in 8-man football shall mean more than five students under the direct supervision of a sponsor. If more than one group is practicing at the same time, it shall be called an organized practice. The only pieces of general equipment shall be footballs, shoes, helmets, kicking tees, and hand held dummies and there shall be no contact with a mechanical training devices or blocking sleds or with another player.

Second District Meeting Vote

Legislative Commission Vote

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	30	16	2		I			
II	76	4			II			
III	49	3			III			
IV	30	21			IV			
V	24	0			V			
VI	5	19			VI			

C. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 3.2.8.2 Page: 4,5

3.2.8.2 D. If a summertime school-sponsored camp/clinic is held in football, contact shall be allowed with the use of hand held dummies only. The no-contact rule shall prohibit contact with mechanical or training devices, as well as with other players. The use of blocking sleds, and other mechanical devices are prohibited. The not-contact rule does not preclude incidental or inadvertent contact, or the touching of a ball carrier with the hand(s). The only pieces of general football equipment shall be footballs, shoes, helmets, kicking tees and hand held blocking dummies.

Second District Meeting Vote

Legislative Commission Vote

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	27	20	1		I			
II	78	2	2		II			
III	49	2	2		III			
IV	35	16			IV			
V	23	1			V			
VI	6	18			VI			

D. The proposal deals with :Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 11.4.2 Manual: Football Page: 9,18

Bylaw Changes --

3.11.4.2 No team representing a member school may participate in more than eight - Classes D1, D2 - or nine - Classes, A, B, C1, C2, C3 -regularly scheduled football games in addition to the State-sponsored series of

playoff games from the date of the first permitted contests to the last contest date.

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page 9, 2,c Classes C1, C2, C3 --the remaining schools playing 11-man football are divided into three classes with approximately equal numbers of schools in each class.

page 18, Class C1, C2, C3 Playoffs

1. Class C1 will have TBD, Class C2 will have TBD, and CLASS C3 will have TBD schools.
2. The 16 qualifying teams will be placed on one sixteen-team bracket with no east-west division.
3. The sixteen teams on the bracket will be seeded 1 through 16 by the point system and the point system tiebreaker, and placed on the bracket with 1 vs 16, 9 vs 8, 5 vs 12, 13 vs 4, 3 vs 14, 11 vs 6, 7 vs 10, 15 vs 2.
4. The (first round of the) State Football Playoffs for Classes C1, C2, and C3 will be played on Fridays, or Saturdays if both schools mutually agree of Week 17.

Second District Meeting Vote

Legislative Commission Vote

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	17	10	21		I			
II	38	17	27		II			
III	16	34	3		III			
IV	10	39	2		IV			
V	7	16	1		V			
VI	0	24			VI			

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5. Eliminate District play and have the top 16 wildcard teams qualify for the playoffs.
6. Add bonus points to wildcard points for playing up a class. 1 point for playing up one class and 2 points for playing up two classes.
7. Playoff bracket divided east and west for the first round of 16 and then re-seed after first round for an 8-team bracket.

Second District Meeting Vote

Legislative Commission Vote

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	13	12	23		I			
II	11	40	31		II			
III	7	44	2		III			
IV	6	43	2		IV			
V	5	17	2		V			
VI	22	2			VI			

I. The following Approved Rulings are Board of Director Action Items and are being provided for informational purposes only.

A. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Football Page: 4

3.11.4.6 At the beginning of football practice each year, every member school shall be required to have two days of no-contact rules. A school shall not permit an individual athlete to participate in a drill involving contact unless the athlete has had at least two days of practice with the no-contact rules. The no-contact rule shall include contact with a mechanical or training device, blocking sleds, as well as with another player without hand held dummies.

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	28	19	1
II	78	2	2
III	51	1	1
IV	37	14	
V	23	1	
VI	7	17	

B. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Golf Page: 14 and 15 (Class A Only)

All Class A schools are seeded 1-32 by using the Average Differential then placed in district using the serpentine method. The first ranked team is placed in District 1, the second in District 2, the third in District 3, the fourth in district 4, the fifth in District 4, the sixth in District 3, and so on until all 32 teams are assigned. Any conflicts between a host team and its assignment will be resolved by the NSAA Golf Director.

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	8	0	40
II	27	1	54
III	29	1	23
IV	4	3	44
V	0	1	23
VI	2	20	2

C. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Golf Page: 184. NSAA Cart Rental Policy:

The NSAA limits the use of motorized carts during the District Golf Tournament. Only Rules Officials, Scoring Monitors and Media Personnel, and Head Coaches are allowed to have a cart on the course. Spectators are not allowed to rent carts to follow the golfers. Only those people meeting the criteria of the Americans with Disabilities Act will be allowed to rent a cart during the District Tournament. People meeting these criteria must be approved by the Tournament Director.

5. Head Coaches may use a golf cart at District and State competitions with these limitations:

- Only the Head Coach may use this cart.
- Individual schools will be responsible for the cost of the cart, as well as determine if they choose to allow their Head Coach this opportunity.

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	11	23	14
II	65	6	11
III	7	37	9
IV	16	23	12
V	2	20	2
VI	4	20	

D. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Golf Page: 13-20, 17 State Meet Qualifiers.

Additional qualifiers. In addition to the regular qualifiers in the individual districts, all qualify who equal or exceed the following in the girls' 2012 NSAA district golf meets. The qualifying marks are determined by using the average score of 15th place for the past 3 years.

Score over par of:

Class a = +17.5 (89.5 on a par 72 course)

Class b = +18.8 (90.8 on a par 72 course)

Class c = +20 (92 on a par 72 course)

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	7	26	1
II	No	Motion	
III	24	22	7
IV	11	19	21
V	2	13	19
VI	4	20	

E. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Soccer Page: 11, 12, 15. Wild Card Criteria

1. Seven Class A teams will qualify for the state tournament by winning the championship of their respective district tournaments.

2. One additional Class A team which fails to qualify through district tournament competition, will be chosen to complete the eight-team tournament field.

3. The eight winners of the Class B sub-state games will advance to the state tournament.

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10. The team failing to qualify through district competition in Class A, but having the highest point average based on the year's record after the completion of all the district tournaments will be selected as the wild card qualifier. *Class A will qualify one wild card team.

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Class B schools will be divided into eight (8) districts geographically. The NSAA staff will create these districts and select hosts.

One additional boys' teams and one additional girls' teams in Class A which fail to qualify by winning the district will qualify as wild card teams.

In Class B only, the district tournament will be played starting on Saturday of week 43 and must be concluded by Tuesday of week 44. The winners of the 8 districts plus the teams with the eight (8) highest wild card point totals (using the NSAA wildcard point system) will advance to the Sub State qualifying round.

Sub-State Round

The eight (8) district tournament winners and the eight (8) wildcard teams will be seeded using the NSAA Wildcard point system as follows:

1 vs 16 2 vs 15 3 vs 14 4 vs 13 5 vs 12 6 vs 11 7 vs 10 8 vs 9

The sub-state game must be played on Friday or Saturday of week 44. The higher seed shall be the home team. In the event that one team would have to travel over 200 miles one-way, the schools must mutually agree to play the contest at a neutral site. The eight (8) winners of the sub-state games shall advance to the State Tournament.

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	2	8	37
II	22	5	55
III	1	29	7
IV	1	5	45
V	0	17	7
VI	0	24	

F. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming/Diving Page: 11

Meets scheduled after Saturday of Week 32 will not be considered as state qualifying meets.

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	10	0	38
II	16	15	51
III	4	2	47
IV	4	2	45
V	0	9	15
VI	23	1	

G. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming/Diving Page: 13

State qualifying diving scores must be achieved at multi-team meets which appear on the school's official schedule.

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	4	7	37
II	28	5	49
III	0	17	36
IV	3	2	46
V	0	11	13
VI	22	2	

H. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming/Diving Page: 13

Automatic qualifying for boys and girls diving = 315

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	2	7	39
II	27	5	50
III	0	14	39
IV	1	6	44
V	0	13	11
VI	5	19	

I. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming Page: 14 and 15

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8 lanes will be used in the preliminaries AND FINALS in all swimming events.

Scoring. Sixteen places will count for scoring.

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Relays: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2.

Individual events in swimming and diving: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

Awards. Championship and runner-up team trophies will be awarded.

∪ Medals will be awarded to individuals in the first eight places in all events.

∪ The head coach of the championship team will receive an award.

∪ Any award given to a team or individual prior to, during or immediately following an NSAA state contest is to be awarded by the Nebraska School Activities Association

Entries. All entries swimming/diving must be submitted electronically on the NSAA webpage under the School Login section.

• All entries for the State Swimming and Diving Championships must meet the automatic qualifying standard. If there are not 32 competitors entered in a swimming event who have met the qualifying standard, additional qualifiers who have met the secondary standard will be added based on time to reach 32 entries – If there are not enough secondary time entries to reach 32, additional entries will not be added. The secondary time represents 8% of the qualifying standard for individual event and 5% for relay events. Individuals to be considered as additional qualifiers must be submitted for consideration at the time that entries are due in the NSAA office. *If there is a tie for the 32nd spot via secondary time, an additional heat will not be added.

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	8	2	38
II	31	2	49
III	7	9	37
IV	9	0	42
V	15	0	9
VI	21	3	

J. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming/Diving Page: 15

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District	For	Against	Abstain
I	9	2	37
II	30	0	52
III	4	2	47
IV	0	10	1
V	2	7	15
VI	15	9	

K. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Volleyball Page: 10

CLASS B: Based on the NSAA Point System, at least 10 days prior to districts, the top 6 teams shall be designated as host sites for their district. The remaining 3-4 schools shall be placed into districts by the NSAA based upon proximity to district sites working west to east. North to south direction may be used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district. If there is a school that is more than 120 miles from the top seeded school in a district, a centrally located neutral site shall be selected by the top seed.

A. The winning team in each district will qualify for the State tournament.

B. Two additional teams will also qualify on the basis of the wild card selection procedure.

CLASSES C-1, C-2, D-1, D-2: Based on the NSAA Point System, at least 10 days prior to sub-districts, the top 12 teams shall be designated as host sites for their sub-district. The remaining 3-4 schools shall be placed into sub-districts by the NSAA based upon proximity to sub-district sites working west to east. North to south direction may be used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district. If there is a school that is more than 120 miles from the sub-district top seeded school, a centrally located neutral site shall be selected by the top seed.

A. The teams winning the sub-districts will advance to the district final and will be paired in the following manner: Sub-district 1 will play 12, 2 vs 11, 3 vs 10, 4 vs 9, 5 vs 8 and 6 vs 7.

B. Six winners will advance along with two wild card team to the state tournament.

C. Two additional teams in each class will also qualify on the basis of the wild card team selection procedure.

District	For	Against	Abstain
I	21	17	10
II	31	15	36
III	6	44	3
IV	11	37	3
V	1	23	
VI	0	24	